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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS		
U.S. Patent/Document No.	Date	Inventor/Owner
3,434,707	March 25, 1969	J. E. Raidel
4,585,215	April 29, 1986	James H. Kramer
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FOREIGN DOCUMENTS		
Application No.	Date	Country
GB 2 317 434 A	March 25, 1998	United Kingdom
11051099	February 23, 1999	Japan
11063058	March 5, 1999	Japan
11210794	August 3, 1999	Japan

I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

Copies of the publications are included for the express purpose of providing the Patent and Trademark Office with an ample opportunity to evaluate the same and to arrive at an independent assessment of their materiality, if any, with regard to the examination of the application.

An examination of the present application considering the above documents is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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